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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Annual Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, Mrs. Vosper, , I Bugler, R Woolford .

Apologies for Absence Cllrs R Field, Ms. M Shanks, R Sandham, M Lovell

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were three members of the public present.

685. Residents raised concerns on the 2015 Draft DCC Mineral Sites Plan with specific regard to the impact of the Swanworth Quarry extension proposal. This quarry which was first scheduled for closure many years ago is now proposed in the Plan for an expansion of its open cast aggregate mining operation to 2030. Open Cast machine operations were not traditional to the Purbeck Stone area and would have a major adverse visual impact on the rolling uplands of the AONB. There was little effort by DCC to get Operators to reduce overburden impact, to reinstate excavations and the timescale for extraction completion had continuously been extended by many years. Quarry Operators were felt to be much more loosely controlled than in other parts of the country by the DCC Planning organisation and their existing limited enforcement resources. Questions were also raised about the actual employment provided at Swanworth as few cars were observed parked on site on a regular basis. These concerns along with others raised about highway access, environmental, traffic and visual impact from this and other proposed sites would be incorporated in the PC response.

686 The local Archaeological Adviser was concerned about the impact and significant damage of excavations on a potentially large swathe of Iron and Bronze Age land systems across the Worth Matravers area. He asked if the PC would take up with the Planning Authorities DCC and PDC this aspect and the possibility of seeking major financial compensation and planning gain benefit from prospective operators to enable essential archaeological investigation and preservation to take place.

The public session closed at 7.45 pm

Declaration of Interest

687 There were no declarations

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

688. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 August had been previously circulated. Cllr Woolford proposed, seconded by Cllr Bugler acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

689 The Clerks previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

690 The Chairman reported back on his recent meeting with the new DCC officer Ms. Black on the Renscombe car parking problems caused by the height barrier. He had agreed to forward on photographs illustrating the parking and camping issues. Previous discussions with the Estate Management officer indicated they would recommend one of only two alternatives namely to do nothing about the ongoing obstruction of access on the adjacent roadway or to close the car park. It was agreed to clarify ownership of the land and the relevant car park management responsibilities of DCC and the land owner. **Action** Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

691 The PC considered the PDC Consultation on prospective sites for Housing Development for inclusion in Purbeck District Local Plan. None of the sites in HX , Gallows Gore, and WM put forward by the landowners were supported by the PC and were not proposed to be pursued by PDC. The PC considered that as a principle future housing sites in the PDLP should have essential infrastructure including public drainage and sewerage and Utility facilities.

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Access was needed to social infrastructure with pedestrian access to junior schools and good highway and bus access to the NHS Primary Care employment and retail facilities at Wareham and Swanage. The site proposed in Langton Matravers off the Valley road was supported but considered too large and parts would be a long way on foot from St Georges School and the centre of the village. PDC could consider the site owned by the NT at Caxton Fields. This would be an extension of a previous AH scheme, be closer to the school, the village centre, and convenient to serve both WM and LM. **Action** Clerk .

692 The PC considered the request from Leesom house for a coach from a London School using their facilities to park in the car park. The PC was generally supportive of enabling coach access by schools to the area and was willing to permit limited parking so long as controls over obstruction were in place with the driver remaining with the coach and littering by pupils was prevented. **Action** Clerk

693 The PC noted a complaint about a blocked outfall from WM toilets and it was confirmed all such issues are to be referred to Wessex Water who are responsible for all public and previously private drain connections.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

694 Cllr Woolford confirmed that work had been completed on the clearance of footways as agreed with DCC Highways officers at the site meeting on the 3 June. Two small areas of overgrown bushes onto the footway remained and he would be pursuing these with the frontagers. The proposed 30 mph limit on the Valley road was still planned to be implemented in September.

695 Cllr Woolford reported two large potholes need attention by DCC on Haycrafts lane by the entrance to Downshay Farm. **Action** Clerk

696 The Chairman reported the two gulleys on the road down from the Square and Compass towards Weston Farm were blocked and overflowing. **Action** Clerk

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

697. PA 6/2015/0486 Application for :- Proposed non-material amendment to planning permission 6/2015/0154 (Erect single-storey rear extension.) to replace large single rooflight with two smaller rooflights and retain stone roof. Hill Bottom Cottage, Worth Matravers, No Objection

698 Planning Appeal APP/B1225/W/15/3131218 Appellant: Forest Edge Developments Ltd Location: Valley Road (former Harmans Cross Poultry Farm), Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ Erect additional detached house. Concerns expressed on the original planning application especially in respect of highway access, development scale and impact and lack of contributions to Affordable Housing to be sent to Inspector

699 TWA 2015/0130Valley Road (Harmans Cross Poultry Farm development), Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ Description: (T1) Yew - fell & replace; (T2) Lawson cypress - fell & replace; (T3) Lawson cypress-fell & replace; proposed replacement trees to be Liquidambar, Acer platanoides & Fagus, 2-3m high container-grown stock. Objection. Comment. The developers have savaged the unprotected tree canopy and vegetation on this site. This felling may well have exposed sides which were bare due to lack of sunlight. These type of firs do in this area with care regenerate over time if left alone with sunlight etc. A site inspection shows that the fir and yew trees look perfectly healthy and not in need of pruning or removing under the reasons stated, likewise the oak tree pruning. The reasons given will alter the shape of the tree irreversibly and currently the tree looks like every other in the parish, slightly lop sided due to the wind speeds and direction which are part of the local environment. In light of the extensive tree survey report done on the site before development not requiring work to these trees, the only reason is to increase the size of the site for building etc. and not for the benefit of the trees.

700 TWA 2015/0131Valley Road (Harmans Cross Poultry Farm development), Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ Description: (T1) Oak - reduce both sections of northerly limb by 2-3m to appropriate growth points as indicated on photographs 2 & 3, prune tertiary branches of other limbs to leave an even& flowing branch line, remove broken & split branches e. Objection as per previous comment

701 PA 6/2015/0499 The Lane (Stone House), Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LQ Re point external gable end wall using lime mortar to match the existing, and replace any perished stones. Strip lean-to roof of stone tiles and battens, replace with new breathable felt and new battens. Re lay existing stone tiles on lime mortar. No Objection

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

702 The PC noted receipt of the Bank/Cash book reconciliation for 31 July and despite two reminders the long outstanding 2014-15 Return from the External Auditor was still awaited. **Action** Clerk

703 The PC noted the post 18 September opening of return of tenders for the WM Toilet improvement would be by the Vice Chairman. **Action** Clerk

704. Payment of invoices received and checked 5 July to 1 September 2015

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

ITB Gardening

Grass cutting

Ornamental Ironwork

Car Park Door repair

DWG Smith

Car Park maintenance

AR Harris

CCTV Installation

HXVH

Rental PC meetings 2016

Nationwide

Bond

705. Confidential Minute

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PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

707 Cllr Vosper clarified that the Worth Green was not available for wedding marquees etc. and that West Burton Field was available for parking for events associated with the Church if the ground was in a suitable condition.

708 The PC agreed with Cllr Vosper's suggestion that it would be useful from time to time to meet with adjacent PC's to discuss items of mutual interdependence. It was understood an invitation to this effect was awaited from Langton Matravers PC

709 Cllr Bugler updated the PC that a range of sports events would take place in the parish in the next month including the Beast run through Winspit the Purbeck marathon and potential cycle events

710 The Chairman noted the kissing gate at East Mans and Abbascombe still need d attention PC noted that further work at the Withy bed was necessary and hoped that more volunteers could be encouraged to do some maintenance gardening clearance. A composting facility for cleared vegetation was available at the WM village hall. **Action** Clerk

711The PC deferred action on a possible SID for HX until after the 30 mph limit was in place. **Action** Clerk

713 It was agreed to write to the MP Richard Drax to seek assistance on the 2017 rating valuation of public toilets and on the issue of seeking consent for the placing and removal of telegraph poles. **Action** Clerk

714 Information that DWP reviews of removing refuse collections in car parks and other public places would be reported to the relevant local authorities in the Autumn as part of budget saving proposals. It was agreed to ask the County and District Councillor to oppose such proposals due to the increase in fly tipping and littering which would result across the AONB.

715 The Chairman reported he would shortly be meeting with a supplier HAGS to discuss the plan and cost for the outstanding proposal for a small roundabout for children at West Burton Field

The meeting closed at 9.15pm Roger Khanna Parish Clerk WMPC